

Remarks

The Examiner has required election of one of the following disclosed species:

Group I: Claims 1-34, 42-58, 71-75 and 82-88.

Group II: Claims 35-41.

Group III: Claims 76-81.

Group IV: Claims 59, 61-70 and 89-98.

Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-14, 16-34, 42-58, 71-75 and 82-88, without traverse. Applicants' undersigned representatives note that Claim 15 was amended in the Amendment filed on March 3, 2008 to depend from Claim 89. As a result, Claim 15 as amended is believed to be a member of the Examiner's Group IV.

Conclusions

Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-14, 16-34, 42-58, 71-75 and 82-88, without traverse. In view of the present election and the Remarks and Amendment filed on March 3, 2008, Claims 1-14, 16-34, 42-58, 71-75 and 82-88 are in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

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If it is deemed helpful or beneficial to the efficient prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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